(e) if so, the time by which and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The allocation made by Union Government to the various States during 1995-96 for setting-up of Collection Centers/Regional Centres of the various National Bureaus of ICAR was Rs. 11.42 crores. The detailed break-up is given in statement enclosed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Funds are provided Annually after their approval by Parliament.

**STATEMENT**

*Statewise details of Allevations made by Union Government/Expenditure incurred during 1995-96*

| Name of National Bureaux | Location | State | Plan Allocation/ Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources | Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh | 401.38 |
| Centre of National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources | Bhowali | Uttar Pradesh | 23.21 |
| —DO— | Hyderabd | Andhra Pradesh | 18.53 |
| —DO— | Akola | Maharashtra | 24.19 |
| —DO— | Cuttack | Orissa | 67.04 |
| —DO— | Jodhpur | Rajasthan | 14.17 |
| —DO— | Shillong | N.E.H. Region | 34.46 |
| —DO— | Shimla | Himachal Pradesh | 20.12 |
| —DO— | Ranchi | Bihar | 11.78 |
| —DO— | Trissure | Kerala | 22.42 |
| National Bureau of Soil Survey and hand use planning | Nagpur | Maharashtra | 304.21 |
| National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources integrated with National Institute of Animal Genetic | Karnal | Haryana | 200.00 |
| | | Total : | 1141.51 |

[*English*]

**Signalling Services**

4087. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have launched a programme to beef up signalling services on the major routes by going in for 'solid state interlocking';

(b) if so, the details of the functioning of this system; and

(c) the extent to which the system would provide fool-proof safety of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Solid State Interlocking is a micro-processor based interlocking system. This new system has already been installed at 7 stations on the Railways and procurement action for 43 more stations is in progress.

(c) Solid State Interlocking sub-system is based on proven technology and is fail-safe. In its functioning it provides fool proof safety of trains.

**Dairy Farming Cooperatives**

4088. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any programme to set up the Dairy Farming Cooperatives Societies in the urban areas where these are non-existent for supplying pure milk and dairy products in these areas at reasonable prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds set apart for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) Government has aimed to set up dairy cooperatives in rural areas for production of milk and to link them with urban consumption centres. Under Operation Flood approximately 73,000 village level cooperatives have been established and linked to approximately 700 urban marketing centres throughout the country as at the end of March, 1996.

**Reservation of Tickets**

4089. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints of irregularities in the reservation of tickets at Bangalore and other Railway Stations in Karnataka have come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to constitute a Special Squad of the Railway Board to monitor the reservation system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Some complaints have come to notice.

(b) Central Ticket Checking Squad and Vigilance Special Squad are already functioning in the Ministry of Railways who conduct checks at the stations and in trains to, inter-alia, detect the cases of malpractices in reservations. Besides, checks are also conducted by both Commercial and Vigilance Organizations at the Zonal Railways level also to detect the malpractices in reservations Offices. These arrangements are considered adequate.

**Teesta Torsha Express**

4090. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the demands were received by his Ministry from different sector for providing of AC Sleeper Coach in Teesta Torsha Express and increasing its speed;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some demands have been received in this regard.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to provide an A.C. 2nd Sleeper coach on 3141/3142 Teesta Torsha Express during 1996-97. However, speeding up of this train is not feasible at present due to operational constraints.

**Occupation of Railway Quarters by Other than the Allottees**

4091. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Railway quarters in cities and metropolis are under the occupation of persons other than the allottees;

(b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;

(c) whether any punitive action was taken against the offenders during each of the last three years by the North East Frontier Railway;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

**Noise Pollution**

4092. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the noise pollution results in the increase in deafness, heart beat, fluctuation in blood pressure, disorder in digestive system, muscles pull and loss of physical efficiency, and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to control the rising noise pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Excessive noise may cause temporary or permanent hearing loss and physiological disorders depending upon the intensity and duration of exposure.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to reduce noise pollution include the following :

- Noise pollution has been included in the Air (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Ambient Standards in respect of noise for different categories of areas (residential, commercial, industrial and silence zones) have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

  Noise limits have also been prescribed for automobiles, domestic appliances and construction equipment at the manufacturing stage.

- A code of practice for controlling noise at source, other than industries and automobiles, has been evolved by the Central Pollution Control Board.

- Steps have been taken for regulating the movement of heavy vehicles and segregating industries from residential areas.

- Environmental awareness campaigns have been launched through governmental and non-governmental organizations.

[*English*]

**Boggies of the Trains**

4093. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state :

(a) whether most of the boggies of the trains running in the country particularly under the Western Railway are in an obsolete condition,

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to replace them with new and good conditioned boggies?